

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A picture kiosk apparatus for receiving and outputting information, said apparatus comprising:
 - means for receiving a number of types of portable memory devices usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera;
 - means for obtaining stored information from a received portable memory device;
 - means for determining at least one destination; and
 - means for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained information.
2. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the types of portable memory devices include at least one of a memory stick, a floppy disk, a scan medium, a hard disk, and a compact flash.
3. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of pictures.
4. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of moving image video clips.
5. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes identification information.
6. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for determining the type of the received portable memory device.
7. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the obtained information includes destination information, and

the determining means determines the at least one destination based on the destination information.

8. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for receiving a destination designation, and wherein the determining means determines the at least one destination based on the received destination designation.

9. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one destination includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.

10. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for erasing at least the portion of the obtained information from the received portable memory device.

11. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
means for presenting the obtained information; and
means for receiving a selection on the presented information, wherein
the portion of the obtained information includes the selected information.

12. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the outputting means is adapted to be coupled to a computer network for outputting the data signal representative of the at least a portion of the obtained information for supply by way of the internet to the at least one destination.

13. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the computer network is the internet.

14. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the determining means determines the at least one destination by querying a database containing assigned destinations.

15. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the obtained information includes at least one of a format and a description of content data.
16. A picture kiosk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the obtained information includes identification information of a user.
17. An apparatus for uploading information, said apparatus comprising:
means for receiving a number of types of portable memory devices;
means for obtaining stored identification data and content data from a received portable memory device;
means for determining at least one destination based on the obtained identification data;
and
means for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.
18. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the types of portable memory devices include at least one of a memory stick, a floppy disk, a scan medium, a hard disk, and a compact flash.
19. An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the content data stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of pictures.
20. An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the content data stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of moving image video clips.
21. An apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising means for determining the type of the received portable memory device.

22. An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the type of the received portable memory device is determined based on the obtained identification data.
23. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the obtained identification data includes destination information, and wherein the determining means determines the at least one destination based on the destination information.
24. An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the destination information includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.
25. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the at least one destination includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.
26. An apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising means for erasing at least the portion of the obtained content data from the received portable memory device.
27. An apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising:
means for presenting the obtained content data; and
means for receiving a selection on the presented content data, wherein
the at least a portion of the obtained content data includes the selected content data.
28. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the outputting means is adapted to be coupled to a computer network for outputting the data signal representative of the at least a portion of the content data for supply by way of the internet to the at least one destination.
29. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the computer network is the internet.

30. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the determining means determines at least one destination by querying a database containing destinations assigned to respective identification information.

31. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the obtained identification data

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33. A method of receiving and outputting information at a picture kiosk apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a portable memory device, said received portable memory device being one of a number of types of portable memory devices usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera;

obtaining stored information from a received portable memory device;

determining at least one destination; and

outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained information.

34. A method according to claim 33, wherein the types of portable memory devices include at least one of a memory stick, a floppy disk, a scan medium, a hard disk, and a compact flash.

35. A method according to claim 34, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of pictures.

36. A method according to claim 34, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of moving image video clips.

37. A method according to claim 34, wherein the information stored in the respective memory device includes identification information.

38. A method according to claim 33, further comprising the step of determining the type of the received portable memory device.
39. A method according to claim 33, wherein
the obtained information includes destination information, and
the at least one destination is determined based on the destination information.
40. A method according to claim 33, further comprising the step of receiving a destination designation, and wherein the at least one destination is determined based on the received destination designation.
41. A method according to claim 33, wherein the at least one destination includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.
42. A method according to claim 33, further comprising the step of erasing at least the portion of the obtained information from the received portable memory device.
43. A method according to claim 33, further comprising the steps of:
presenting the obtained information; and
receiving a selection on the presented information, wherein
the at least a portion of the obtained information includes the selected information.
44. A method according to claim 33, wherein the data signal is outputted to a computer network for supplying to the at least one destination by way of the internet.
45. A method according to claim 44, wherein the computer network is the internet.

46. A method according to claim 33, wherein the at least one destination is determined at the determining step by querying a database containing assigned destinations.
47. A method according to claim 33, wherein the obtained information includes at least one of a format and a description of content data.
48. A method according to claim 33, wherein the obtained information includes identification information of a user.
49. A method of uploading information, said method comprising the steps of:
receiving a portable memory device, said received portable memory device being one of a number of types of portable memory devices;
obtaining stored identification data and content data from a received portable memory device;
determining at least one destination based on the obtained identification data; and
outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.
50. A method according to claim 49, wherein the types of portable memory devices include at least one of a memory stick, a floppy disk, a scan medium, a hard disk, and a compact flash.
51. A method according to claim 50, wherein the content data stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of pictures.
52. A method according to claim 50, wherein the content data stored in the respective memory device includes video information corresponding to a number of moving image video clips.

53. A method according to claim 49, further comprising the step of determining the type of the received portable memory device.
54. A method according to claim 53, wherein the type of the received portable memory device is determined based on the obtained identification data.
55. A method according to claim 49, wherein the obtained identification data includes destination information, and wherein the at least one destination is determined at the determining step based on the destination information.
56. A method according to claim 55, wherein the destination information includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.
57. A method according to claim 49, wherein the at least one destination includes at least one of an email address and a URL path.
58. A method according to claim 49, further comprising the step of erasing at least the portion of the obtained content data from the received portable memory device.
59. A method according to claim 49, further comprising the steps of:
presenting the obtained content data; and
receiving a selection on the presented content data, wherein
the at least a portion of the obtained content data includes the selected content data.
60. A method according to claim 49, wherein the data signal is outputted to a computer network for supplying to the at least one destination by way of the internet.
61. A method according to claim 60, wherein the computer network is the internet.

62. A method according to claim 49, wherein the at least one destination is determined at the determining step by querying a database containing destinations assigned to respective identification information.

63. A picture kiosk apparatus, comprising:

a number of interfaces adapted to receive a number of respective types of portable memory devices and to obtain stored information from a received portable memory device, said types of portable memory devices being usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera;

a processor coupled to the number of interfaces, said processor adapted to determine at least one destination; and

a network adapter coupled to the processor, said network adapter adapted to output a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained information for supply to the at least one destination.

64. A picture kiosk apparatus, comprising:

a number of interfaces adapted to receive a number of respective types of portable memory devices and to obtain stored identification data and content data from a received portable memory device;

a processor coupled to the number of interfaces, said processor adapted to determine at least one destination based on the obtained identification data; and

a network adapter coupled to the processor, said network adapter adapted to output a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

65. A set of computer program instructions for receiving and outputting information, comprising:

an instruction for receiving data from a portable memory device, said portable memory device being one of a number of types of portable memory devices usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera;

an instruction for obtaining stored information from said portable memory device;

an instruction for determining at least one destination; and

an instruction for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained information for supply to the at least one destination.

66. A set of computer program instructions for receiving and outputting information, comprising:

an instruction for receiving data from a portable memory device, said portable memory device being one of a number of types of portable memory devices;

an instruction for obtaining stored identification data and content data from said portable memory device;

an instruction for determining at least one destination based on the obtained identification data; and

an instruction for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

67. A portable memory device usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera, said memory device comprising:

a data section for storing content data; and

a header section for storing identification information and at least one destination for sending said content data.

68. A kiosk apparatus for uploading information, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving identification data and content data stored in a memory of a data device by way of wireless communication;

means for determining at least one destination based on the received identification data;
and

means for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

69. A method of uploading information, said method comprising the steps of:
receiving identification data and content data stored in a memory of a data device by way of wireless communication;

determining at least one destination based on the received identification data; and
outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

70. A picture kiosk apparatus, comprising:
a number of interfaces adapted to communicate with a number of types of portable devices by way of wireless communication and to receive stored identification data and content data from a portable device;

a processor coupled to the number of interfaces, said processor adapted to determine at least one destination based on the received identification data; and

a network adapter coupled to the processor, said network adapter adapted to output a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

71. A set of computer program instructions for receiving and outputting information, comprising:
an instruction for receiving identification data and content data stored in a portable device by way of wireless communication;
an instruction for determining at least one destination based on the received identification data; and

an instruction for outputting a data signal representative of at least a portion of the obtained content data for supply to the at least one destination.

72. The kiosk apparatus of claim 68, wherein said receiving means includes means for receiving said identification data and said content data by way of wired communication.

73. The picture kiosk apparatus of claim 1, wherein said receiving means is adapted to receive a plurality of types of portable memory devices usable with and detachable from at least one of a video camera and a still-picture camera.

74. The picture kiosk apparatus of claim 1, wherein said obtaining means automatically obtains identification information indicating the at least one destination from the received portable memory device.

75. The picture kiosk apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one destination includes an external destination.

76. The picture kiosk apparatus of claim 1, wherein the determining means includes input means for receiving an input indicating the at least one destination.